

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is a 35 USC § 371 National Phase Entry Application from PCT/EP2003/011352, filed October 14, 2003, and designating the United States.

The additions have been indicated by underlining (underlining).

Please replace the paragraph on page 46 lines 7-18 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 12 shows the comparison (CLUSTAL W 1.82 multiple sequence alignment) of human phosphatidylinositol transfer protein, human PYK2 N-terminal domain-interacting receptor 3, human PYK2 N-terminal domain-interacting receptor 1, and Drosophila retinal degeneration B protein. Gaps in the alignment are represented as -.

'NIR3_Hs' [SEQ ID NO: 34] refers to human PYK2 N-terminal domain-interacting receptor 3 (NIR3, NCBI LocusID: 57605), 'NIR1_Hs' [SEQ ID NO: 35] refers to human PYK2 N-terminal domain-interacting receptor 1 (NIR1, NCBI LocusID: 83394), 'PITPNM_Hs' [SEQ ID NO: 36] refers to human membrane-associated phosphatidylinositol transfer protein (PITPNM, similar to PYK2 N-terminal domain-interacting receptor 2 (NIR2), NCBI LocusID: 9600), and 'CG11111-PB' [SEQ ID NO: 37] refers to the Drosophila *rdgB* protein.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing

Please insert the attached 29 page Sequence Listing into the application.